



RATCLIFFE
COLLEGE

An independent, Catholic,
co-educational boarding school
in Leicestershire, UK.

English Language Immersion Programme

Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and cultural programme is perfect for children who want to learn English whilst experiencing school life at a traditional British boarding school.



£1,350 per week
10th June - 6th July 2023
Years 7 - 9
Limited Places - Book Now:
[www.ratcliffecollege.com/
immersion](http://www.ratcliffecollege.com/immersion)



Immersion Programme

Ratcliffe College was established in 1847 and is an independent, Catholic, co-educational boarding school in Leicestershire, UK.

As part of our immersion programme, students experience specialist Cambridge English lessons and activities along with our full-time students. The programme will run for the last 4 weeks of our Summer Term.

Upon their arrival students will be assessed by our English teachers to ensure they receive the relevant level of teaching. For the first three weeks, at least 20 hours of ESOL learning time each week is provided in all aspects of English including: Reading, Writing, Listening, Oral, Vocabulary and Grammar.

During week 4 of the programme, students will spend time alongside current students at Ratcliffe College enjoying a range of co-curricular activities, cultural trips and visits.



Why choose Ratcliffe College?



Catholic School, inclusive of all with a real sense of community



Judged 'Excellent' in our most recent ISI Inspection



First-class teaching and outstanding pastoral care



In the Top 1% for students' progress at A Level in England



Specialist music and sports tuition available



Broad co-curricular activities offer

A Level Results 2022

97% of all grades were A* to C

80% of students attained a place at their first choice university.

GCSE Results in 2022

95% of all grades 4 or above.

53% of all grades 7 or above.

Ongoing investment in new facilities:

- Enhanced sports facilities and fitness suite
- Refurbished Sixth Form, Science and Music Departments
- Enhanced Refectory and award-winning Wellbeing Garden.
- New English Language Centre

Small Class sizes



14 pupils



8 pupils

A wide choice of subjects:

A Level: Choose from **23** subjects

GCSE: Students take **9-10** GCSEs on average

All students choose a single, double or triple Science.

All students choose a Modern Foreign Language or Latin.

Pastoral Support



Catholic Values



Excellent Pastoral Care



Close Knit Family-Feel



Safe Rural Location



Experienced Support Staff



Home from Home

The happiness, safety and wellbeing of every single student is central to everything we do here at Ratcliffe College and we make sure every student feels fully supported throughout their experience. We provide a personal tutor as well as dedicated members of Boarding Staff who live on site and are always on call to help in any way they can.

The school facilities and grounds are perfectly designed for student wellbeing, with an on-site Chapel for prayer and meditation as well as the beautiful Lockhart Garden which provides a calm and tranquil space if they need some quiet time during the busy day.

Students also get regular PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship

Education) sessions, which focus on everything from mental health, to relationship advice, social media and charity work.

Here at Ratcliffe College we are extremely proud that we achieved the Gold Anti-Bullying award and have a student Samaritans scheme, which provides an opportunity to talk to peers of the same age group about any potential problems.

We also have onsite medical staff at all times, the Medical Centre is open 24 hours a day and our caring team are available to help all students with short term and long term physical and mental health matters.



Boarding

Our Boarding Community consists of two houses: a boys house and a girls house. Both houses, although located in different areas of the main school building, are very much united and part of the Ratcliffe boarding family. There are three Senior House Staff for each boarding house, two matrons, three medical staff and six Graduate Assistants.

Our community is based around support, encouragement and trust and we cherish our family ethos and atmosphere where we all grow and learn together. We all eat together in the main school Refectory and we have the Boarders' Lounge and Activities Room as well as the Snack Shack as shared communal spaces.

We have no Exeat weekends: we never close in term time and we guarantee a lovely and varied weekend programme. Houses do close during the holidays, so boarders are expected to return home or stay with guardians. The school of course provides and organises transport services to airports whenever necessary.



To find out more about boarding, visit www.ratcliffecollege.com/boarding.

Our Facilities

Sport Facilities

- Floodlit tennis and netball courts
- Athletics track
- 25m Swimming pool
- Two all-weather pitches
- A £1.3 million state-of-the-art Fitness Suite
- A second additional £2.3 million sports hall



English Language Centre

This £2.5 million project is Ratcliffe's first carbon-zero building, with a passive air system monitoring the CO2 levels, keeping the air fresh and students awake and alert whilst learning. The building features nine new classrooms with four entrance atriums as well as a green roof with 40 solar panels.



Catering Servery

Ratcliffe continues the school's commitment to the ongoing improvement of our catering service to the students by updating our school servery. This includes purpose built units, two islands and an ambient/cooling area for food, fruit and drinks and a salad bar, with new ceramic hobs and open kitchen serving hatch.



Lockhart Garden

Our award winning Lockhart Garden was created for the emotional health and wellbeing of Ratcliffe College. Acting as the school's centre piece, it provides a peaceful place for students, staff and visitors to take time out and reflect quietly.



Rosmini Sixth Form Centre

Our modern Rosmini Sixth Form Centre provides fantastic facilities. It includes computer suites and library spaces as well as lounge and meeting rooms. This year, the café refurbishment includes booths and a soft seating area, open windows and a variety of seats with power and USB points available. Tended by a full-time barista, fuelling students for the day ahead of them. Preparing our students for university and independence.



Music Facilities

We have a Theatre on site as well as traditional Music Room, rehearsal spaces and individual practice rooms. We offer one-to-one sessions and specialist teaching in your child's chosen instrument.



Computer Suites

We have state-of-the-art computer suites for pupils to utilise. Our computer and media suites contain industry standard equipment.

To take a virtual tour, visit www.ratcliffecollege.com/about/facilities

Cambridge English Examinations

Cambridge Assessment English examinations are also available at Ratcliffe College.

Ratcliffe College is an approved centre for Cambridge Assessment English, and we offer students the opportunity to take their exams here at our centre.

Our centre has been rated as Excellent, which is the highest rating available.

The fees include the entry fee payable to Cambridge Assessment English and all administration costs before, during and post exams. In addition, we will provide you with a safe and secure space. Finally, we have ample free parking and spacious exam rooms and facilities.

If you're interested in taking a Cambridge Assessment English examination, please contact our Centre Exams Manager via email ealcambridge@ratcliffecollege.com or telephone number 01509 817594 for availability.

Other useful information can also be found at www.cambridgeenglish.org



**Cambridge Assessment
English**

Authorised Exam Centre

Testimonials

Here's what our students say:



Kiki, Hong Kong

I chose Ratcliffe College from a choice of many other UK Boarding schools to begin my Year 10 study. What attracted me the most about Ratcliffe is the variety of activities and clubs for students.

Unlike most of the schools in Hong Kong, Ratcliffe College encourages students to have a balanced development instead of only focusing on academic studies alone.

If I could go back in time, I would 100% choose Ratcliffe all over again. I love the friendships I have made and the opportunities Ratcliffe has given me.



Bankole, Nigeria

I chose Ratcliffe College as my first choice school because I believed that it would help me improve and become a better person, I think this has definitely happened and I feel I have matured a lot since I joined in Year 9.

I like it when our Housemaster Mr Gilchrist orders us Chinese food or pizza as a special treat, and when we go go-karting.



Victoria, Spain

I love being part of the boarding family at Ratcliffe because I've made great friendships and I've improved my English a lot.

Catholic life at Ratcliffe is really important and every Sunday morning we all come together as a community and have a reflection on what we have done during the week.

Over the weekends we do a range of activities, such as: cooking, hockey, tennis, netball, swimming, bowling, escape rooms, paintball and art activities. We do teamwork in most of the activities, so we can work together better.

Here's what our parents say:

Mr R, Hong Kong

My daughter joined Year 9 at Ratcliffe College and I was initially nervous about how she would adapt to the UK boarding life, as this was her first time studying abroad. She found the staff and boarders friendly, helpful and caring and settled in well to boarding life at Ratcliffe within the first days.

The boarding house is spacious, neat and well equipped. There are weekend activities like visiting museums, go karting and shopping in nearby towns that are new to my daughter, she enjoyed the trips very much!

Mrs O, Nigeria

When I thought about sending our daughter to a boarding school abroad, I had concerns about her having to go through her teen years without a mother figure close.

My fears quickly melted away as the Head of Boarding is so approachable, with a motherly tenderness to her duties. She cares for the boarders' wellbeing and teaches the students to support and care for each other.

The staff understand and care for the girls equally, supporting them in any struggles and respond to all correspondences which is very reassuring to international parents.

The Ratcliffe College boarding house is indeed a "home away from home".

I'd definitely recommend Ratcliffe College Boarding because of the quality of care given.

Mrs M, Spain

Our daughter Inés was boarding at Ratcliffe when she was 14. She was going for one single academic year but ended up staying for four! From the start, she was welcomed into the community and we knew she had a second home. The Staff are very kind but have high expectations; protecting and looking after our daughter whilst at the same time teaching her to take care of the younger boarders.

Communication with staff is fluid and constant and the security that it gives to parents is priceless.

During these years our daughter has become a mature, responsible, caring and empathetic person, we think Boarding is the reason for that. She will go to University and we will close an important chapter in her life that, as a family, will look back on with happiness.

Life in the UK/Leicestershire

Here at Ratcliffe we are very well situated on a beautiful campus, which provides a great place to live and learn. Whilst being very close to the vibrant and multi-cultural city of Leicester, students also get to enjoy all 200 acres of our school grounds, knowing that Leicester is just 7 miles away.

Living and studying on a rural campus provides safety and security as well as strengthening the much-loved community atmosphere, so you'll feel relaxed and secure.

During your time at Ratcliffe you can enjoy some of the highlights the city has to offer. Activities and attractions can range from shopping around Highcross Shopping Centre, to a cultural experience at the award-winning King Richard III centre, National Space Centre or you can enjoy performances at the Curve Theatre.

If you are a sports fan, you can see Leicester City Football Club play at the King Power Stadium; Leicester is also home to Leicester Tigers Rugby Club and Leicester Riders Basketball Club as well as Leicester County Cricket Club, so there is certainly a lot to choose from.

The more you explore the city, the more you will discover, there are a range of markets, parks, museums and even a trampoline park! Lots of our students love our location and their time at Ratcliffe College and also find that they have a special place in their heart for the city of Leicester too.

Ratcliffe College is conveniently situated in the centre of England. Our location is also perfect for access to other major cities, Nottingham is 30 minutes away, Birmingham is 60 minutes away and London is 90 minutes away.





Bradgate Park



National Space Centre



Curve Theatre



Highcross Shopping Centre



King Power Stadium



Richard III



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